

expedite the licensing process combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Blind Slough Project Schedule

Petersburg has submitted a proposed schedule for the APEA process that leads to the filing of a new license application by August 2002. Study plans would be developed this summer, with National Environmental Policy Act scoping being conducted in the fall. Field-work would be conducted over two seasons, summer 2000 and 2001 (if needed), with a draft application and draft APEA to be issued for comment in the fall of 2001.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on Petersburg's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20416.

All comments filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedures," and include the project name and number (Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project No. 201).

For further information on this process, please contact Vince Yearick of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 202-219-2938 or E-mail vince-yearick@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-576-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Application

July 16, 1999.

Take notice that on July 12, 1999, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), Post Office Box 3288, Tulsa,

Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP99-576-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for authorization to uprate the Blackwell-Cotton Valley 16-inch pipeline, to construct approximately 36.8 miles of 20-inch loop pipeline and additional measurement facilities. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Williams proposes to uprate the Blackwell-Cotton Valley 16-inch pipeline from 500 psig to 690 psig, to extend the Southern Trunk 20-inch pipeline loop by constructing an additional 36.8 miles of pipeline loop, and to construct additional measurement facilities to serve new turbines at the Empire District Electric Company State Line plant in Jasper County, Missouri. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$19,717,524.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to either Bart Wherritt at (918) 573-4369 or John Cary (918) 573-4212, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc., P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

Any persons desiring to be heard to protest said filing should on or before August 6, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein, must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that

a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Williams to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC96-19-047, et al.]

California Independent System Operator Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

July 15, 1999.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. California Independent System Operator Corporation

[Docket Nos. EC96-19-047 and ER96-1663-049]

Take notice that on July 8, 1999, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) tendered for filing a supplemental compliance filing in the above-identified dockets. The filing consists of an amendment to the ISO's Bylaws that would extend the initial term of the ISO's Board of governors to March 31, 2000.

The ISO states that this filing has been served upon all persons on the official service list in the above-identified dockets.

Comment date: August 9, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Texas-New Mexico Power Company and SW Acquisition, L.P.

[Docket No. EC99-92-000]

Take notice that on July 9, 1999, Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) and SW Acquisition, L.P. (together, Joint Applicants) tendered for filing a request that the Commission approve a disposition of facilities and/or grant any other authorization the Commission may deem to be needed under section 203 of the Federal Power Act as a result of the forthcoming merger between TNP Enterprises, Inc. (TNP), TNMP's parent, and SW Acquisition, L.P. Joint Applicants submit that the planned merger of TNP with SW Acquisition, L.P., will have no effect on the jurisdictional facilities, rates or services of TNMP and will be consistent with the public interest.